climate of these regions. At NDRI, Karnal different genetic combinations of Alpine, Saanan and Beetal with various levels of exotic inheritance were generated and tested for their comparative performance. The Saanan X Beetal crosses with 75 Per cent of exotic inheritance were the best having an average yield of 399.1± 34 kg in a lactation period of 296 days and scoring 103.5 per cent improvement over pure bred Beetal. At the Kerala Agriculture University, Trichur different genetic combinations of Alpine, Saanan and Malabari with various levels of exotic genes were generated and tested for their comparative performance. Saanan X Malabari had the highest lactation yield of 127.3 + 12 kg in a lactation period of 190.5 + 6.5 days and registered an improvement of 95 per cent over native Malabari in milk production.

(e) & (f). At present at Kerala Agriculture University, Trichur and Rajasthan Agriculture University, Bikaner survey of Malabari and Marwari Goats respectively and their genetic evaluation through field surveys and laboratory studies on growth and gene maker characters is in progress.

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Financial Assistance to Kerala for Development Programmes for SCs/STs

4742. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has demanded financial assistance for the development programmes for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details of Schemes/Projects submitted by the State Government; and

(c) the amount allocated to Kerala for 1992-93 for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Dryland Farming

4743. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the strategies proposed to be adopted to promote dryland farming in Eighth Five year Plan period; and

(b) the districts in Madhya Pradesh identified for promoting dryland farming?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The strategy of sustainable development of rainfed areas on principles and practices of watershed development is proposed to be adopted to promote dry land farming in Eighth Five year Plan period.

(b) A statement of districts identified for Madhya Pradesh is enclosed.

STATEMENT

1. Indore
2. Dhar
3. Jhabua
4. Khargaon
5. Khandva
6. Devas
7. Ratlam